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Note, while not opposed to providing a Terminal Disclaimer, it is believed that it such should not be required in this case as the invention in teh Present Application is Patentably Distinct in view of the presence of the Longitudinal Slit. If the Examiner disagrees Applicant will reconsider.

It is now believed that the Pending Claims are in order for Allowance, and the Examienr is therefore respectfully requested to provide Notice of Allowance. Should problems remain, please contact Attorney Welch who is open to Examiner suggestion and Amendment.

Sincerely,

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